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PRESS RELEASE

SAFETY APPOINTMENTS: TOOMEY AS STATE FIRE MARSHAL; CUTTING AS DIRECTOR OF STATE FIRE ACADEMY

CONCORD, N.H. – Today, the Executive Council unanimously confirmed the appointments of Sean P. Toomey as State Fire Marshal and Director of the New Hampshire Department of Safety Division of Fire Safety, and Justin A. Cutting as Director of the Department of Safety Division of Fire Standards and Training and Emergency Medical Services. Governor Sununu nominated both at the May 19, 2021 Governor and Council meeting.

"I have great confidence that Marshal Toomey and Director Cutting will serve the State of New Hampshire well, and that together with our entire team at the Department of Safety, they will working tirelessly to advocate for the safety and well-being of Granite Staters," said Governor Chris Sununu.

"I am excited to have Marshal Toomey and Director Cutting join the Department of Safety leadership team. Both Sean and Justin have broad knowledge of firefighting and fire safety issues, and will further the Department's mission to enhance the safety, security and quality of life in New Hampshire," said Robert L. Quinn, Commissioner of the Department of Safety.

Marshal Toomey of Warner, NH, most recently served as Deputy State Fire Marshal since 2018 and a chief officer with the Warner, NH Fire Department since 2012. Marshal Toomey is a licensed fire protection engineer since 2003 and attained his firefighter certification in 2004 as a call firefighter with the Goffstown Fire Department. He has extensive training and experience in building safety, fire codes and fire investigations. Marshal Toomey will manage the Division of Fire Safety and is responsible for overseeing fire investigations, fire safety regulations, coordinating state agency response to hazardous materials incidents, modular building standards and providing support to the State Board of Fire Control.

"I thank Governor Sununu and Commissioner Quinn for nominating me and to the Council for confirming me as the State Fire Marshal," said State Fire Marshal Sean Toomey. "I look forward to continuing my work in the Department of Safety and the Division of Fire Safety. It is a tremendous honor to serve as the State Fire Marshal."

Director Cutting of Hampton, NH, most recently served as Deputy Fire Chief of the Hampton Fire Rescue. Director Cutting started his career as a call firefighter with the Town of Enfield Fire Department. In 1996, he joined the Hampton Fire Recue as a firefighter and rose through the ranks as paramedic, lieutenant, captain and deputy chief. Director Cutting will manage the Division of Fire Standards and Training and Emergency Medical Services which includes the Bureaus of Fire Training, Emergency Medical Services, and Certification and Support. Director Cutting is responsible for operations of the State Fire Academy in Concord and the Raymond S. Burton Fire and EMS Training Facility in Bethlehem, developing and administering training programs for firefighting, fire protection, rescue and emergency medical services, and licensing emergency medical care providers, instructors, training agencies, service vehicles and service units.

"Providing leading-edge training to the State's firefighters and emergency medical providers, and licensing emergency medical providers is vital to the State's safety and success," said Director Justin Cutting. "I am thankful to Governor Sununu, the Executive Council and Commissioner Quinn for the opportunity to serve as the Director of this first-class organization."

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